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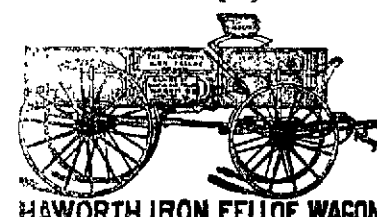
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COSTLY ROSARIES.

A Subject Concerning Which But Very Little Has Been Written.

Many of our readers will doubtless be surprised to learn that precious and semi-precious stones are in considerable demand for beads in rosaries, while chains of gold and silver are often put to this sacred service. The use of precious stones in the rosaries of the devout is almost as old as the practice of wearing the rosary itself.

The wealthy users of the symbol rarely thought of gem too valuable to serve either as a bead or to mark a decade upon it, and while in this country less valuable products of nature are in more general use, in the Catholic countries of France, Spain and Italy are many rosaries in which diamonds and rubies are thought none so precious to serve as component parts.

The subject is one which very little has been written and it may be interesting to digress somewhat and give a slight history of the rosary's adoption as a religious symbol by the followers of the Catholic faith.

As early as the year 607 a primitive form of the rosary was in use among the early Christians. It consisted of a cord upon which pearls were strung at regular distances, and was used by devotees in keeping a record of their prayers and acts.

The next historical reference is in the year 817, when Pope Leo IV. issued an edict that the soldiers who so bravely resisted the Saracens upon the walls of Rome should provide for themselves and wear a rosary containing fifty beads. Its adoption did not become general, however, until during the thirteenth century, after Saint Dominic, sent into France by Pope Innocent III. in 1208 to combat the teachings of an antagonistic sect and had exposed to him a vision of the Virgin Mary, who explained to him the rosary's fifteen mysteries, comprising the five joyful, the five sorrowful and the five glorious.

As soon as the adoption became universal and the manufacture a recognized industry the more wealthy devotees began to demand a rosary more elaborate than that in general use, and the precious and semi-precious stones began to be pressed into service. The cord also, which had hitherto been the only stringing medium, began to be replaced by a chain, which from iron and the coarser metals soon changed to silver and gold, while jasper, coral and crystal were extensively employed for the beads. In our day, as we have said, no gem is thought too valuable.

Another authority states that the Mohammedans were the first users of the rosary, and as if to give color to the statement we meet in Rome with a slight which, in its way, is exceedingly unique. It is nothing less than the spectacle of Turks, devout followers of Mohammed, selling rosaries to Catholics under the shadow of the Vatican. As the Holy Church, however, requires the article to be consecrated with its benediction before it can be used by the worshiper the trade is quite justified.

The rosary according to our second authority is familiar not only to the Mohammedan, but also to the Buddhist. The former is said to have been the original user of a rosary containing ninety-nine beads which he read off one by one while engaged in prayer, repeating meanwhile ninety-nine representative saintly personages from the Koran, and the custom is said to have been adopted by Christian monks and devotees in their prayers, in order to avoid repetition.

The present general use of the rosary in Catholic countries makes it quite an article of commerce, and gold and silver chains upon which are strung amethysts and garnets are quite common. One of our most prominent emotional actresses has a rosary of solid gold in daily use, while the Catholic crowned heads of Europe use rosaries representing large amounts of money and a high degree of skill on the part of the artificer in gems.

Topaz, lapis lazuli, garnet, amethyst and even real pearls and rubies are all now in constant use, while coral, malachite, onyx, jet, mother-of-pearl, crystal, agate and amber are all offered by the dealers, who do not disdain either to show them in woods, from highly polished box and the more expensive kinds down to the commonest pine.

He had been waiting with his host's ugly elder daughter, and was in a corner repining. Here he was espied by a would-be worldling. "Who is the dower of my family, sir," said the father. "So it seems," answered the young man. "Pity she comes off so, isn't it?" he continued, as he essayed another vigorous rub at the white spots on his coat sleeve. - Chicago Tribune.

"Waiter, said a gentleman in the dining car, 'have you any gooseberry pie?'" "No, sir; hasn't carryin' any dis year, sah." "Why is that?" "Well, you see, sah, day's scarce dis season. Last winter was so cold and stormy that it was mighty tough on de goose." - Exchange.

"How the mighty are fallen! Mrs. Hobson. - 'Yes, my husband is a G. A. R. man and was considered a bold and fearless soldier.' Mrs. Hendricks (making a call) - 'Is he at home?'" "Hobson. - 'No. I sent him to the butcher's for a couple of pounds of liver.'" - N. Y. Sun.

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Greatly Excited. Not a few of the citizens of Decatur have recently become greatly excited over the astounding facts, that several of their friends who had been pronounced by their physicians as incurable and beyond all hope - suffering with that dreadful monster Consumption - have been completely cured by Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, the only remedy that does positively cure all throat and lung diseases, Coughs, Colds, Asthma and Bronchitis. Trial bottles free at J. A. Swearingen's drug store. Large bottles \$1.

The Hercules white shirt are the best and only one dollar. Lums & Scovene. dwt

Does This Catch Your Eye?

We have an obscure idea that it does, but if we are in error kindly give us an indication and if the REPUBLICAN is for sale we will buy the plant and run her wide open to make you aware of the fact that we are offering THE GREATEST BARGAINS IN

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In the United States.

100 Dozen Undershirts.

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All Wool, Soft Finish, Extra Fine Quality, worth \$2.00, at ONE-HALF THE PRICE—

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Come at once, as these goods will walk away with anything in the Flannel line that sells for more money.

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NEW YORK STORE,

Are at Present Closing Out Odd Lots of Surplus Stock.

WOOLEN HOODS at 25c; former price, 50c. WOOLEN FASCINATORS at 50c; former price, 75c.

Remnants of DRESS GOODS at 10c per yard; former price 15c.

Remnants of DRESS GOODS at 15c per yard; former price 20c.

Remnants of Dress Goods at 19c per yard; former price 25c and 30c.

Remnants of All Wool Dress Goods at 39c; former price 50c.

Remnants of All Wool Fancy Dress Goods, fifty and fifty-four inches wide, at 50c former price 75c.

Remnants of Fine French Dress Goods, in plain and fancy colors, at 75c per yard; former price 90c, \$1.00 and \$1.25 per yd.

One lot of Odd Sizes in Ladies' and Children's Cloaks, Marked Down to Exactly ONE-HALF the Original Price!

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COMMANDMENTS.

I. Thou shalt have no other place to buy Clothing, Hats, Caps and Furnishing Goods, except CHEAP CHARLEY'S.

II. Thou shalt not choose unto thyself any other Merchant, thou shalt not bow down to them nor listen to their speeches, for Cheap Charley's Clothing House is a reliable place to trade, capable to serve his customers to the third and fourth generations.

III. Thou need not seek in vain for stylish Clothing, Furnishing Goods, etc., at the Very Lowest Prices, for they can be found in large quantities at Cheap Charley's.

IV. Thou shalt bear in mind that if any day in the week you will buy a suit of clothes at Cheap Charley's you can rest easy on the seventh.

V. Thou shalt honor Cheap Charley's One Price Clothing House. May you for many years be dressed in suits thereof.

VI. Thou shalt not commit an outrage on propriety by purchasing thy Clothing, Gents' Furnishing Goods, Hats, Caps, Trunks, etc., elsewhere, but go direct to Cheap Charley's, where thou wilt get what thou wantest at Low Prices.

VII. Thou shalt not seek adroitly strange styles, but go direct to Cheap Charley's, Corner of Old Square.

VIII. Thou shalt not steal an Overcoat, for Cheap Charley sells them so cheap; it would be a sin.

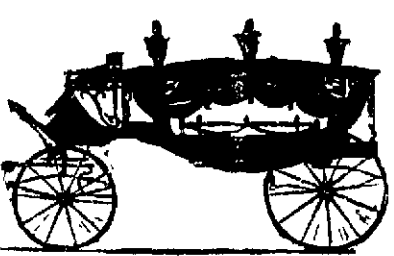
IX. Thou shalt not bear false witness, but openly acknowledge that thou canst be better suited at Cheap Charley's for less money than any other Clothing House in the city.

X. Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's goods, nor his bargain, but take counsel of this and proceed straightway to Cheap Charley's, Corner of Old Square.

J. B. BULLARD, FUNERAL DIRECTOR.

Has removed from the Old Square to his new quarters in Masonic Temple, 215 N. Water Street, where everything pertaining to the funeral business is furnished and attended to in the highest style of the art. Calls night or day, will receive prompt attention. In connection with a receiving parlour.

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ANYONE in search of a first-class cooking apparatus can find what they want in the "Home Comfort" Range sold by Merchants, Wells & Co. One of the best house-keepers in the city says: "We did not know what home comfort was in the home until we got a 'Home Comfort' range in the home." n93-dft

JAMES HOLLINGS has purchased the barber shop in the north end of Central Block, where all old friends and new callers as well will receive a hearty welcome, and get shaving work done in first-class style. Hair cutting a specialty. dec19-dft

The Malleable Iron Hollow Ware made by the Home Comfort Range Co. is quite a curiosity. It is like the Ranges - indestructible. Stop at Merchants, Wells & Co. and see this ware. It cannot be broken. dwt

Dress Goods. In French, German and American Novelties, very handsome and cheap, just received. Lums & Scovene. dwt

T. N. LEAVITT, of Marion, has been appointed agent for the Pierce Wall Angus for Marion and adjoining counties. The Pierce Angus was the one used at Decatur and Marion. dwt

LIGHT-WEIGHT Flannel Shirts, neatly made, perfect fits, elegant shades, well adapted for clerks, book-keepers and business men generally, at B. STINE'S. dwt

ALL kinds of upholstering goods in stock at A. Beer & Lincoln Square. oct1-dft

COZZONE Flannel Shirts, in all the latest shades, perfect in fit, at B. STINE'S. dwt

NOVELTIES in Ladies' Felt Hats, at B. STINE'S. dwt

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A TEAR DOWN SALE!

WE want to Tear Down the temporary tables which we erected to display our Holiday Stock upon, and will

CUT THE LIFE OUT

Of what GLASSWARE we have left upon them. If you need any more TUMBLERS, PITCHERS, Finger Bowls or Water Bottles, you can buy what we have

VERY CHEAP!

As we do not carry these goods except in Holiday Times, and we have no room to store them.

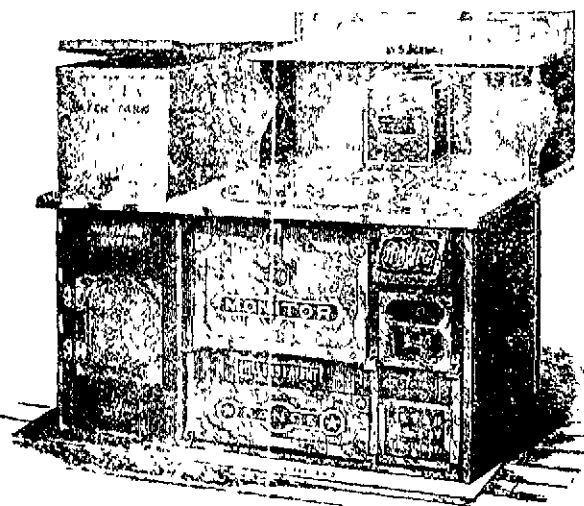
NICE IMPORTED TUMBLERS, 90c a Dozen, Worth \$2.50.

Don't be too late, as we will not have any of this stock left by January 10th.

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Leading, Reliable Jewelers.

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Our Holiday Meats are sold and we again return to the sale of everyday beef, the quality of which we guarantee to be equal to that found in any market in this or other cities. We are prepared to supply you at all times with THE BEST OF EVERYTHING you may need in our line.

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Malaga Grapes,
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Crystallized Peaches,
Crystallized Apricots,
Preserved Figs in Heavy Syrup.

DINGES & COOP'S.

THURSDAY EVE., JAN. 5, 1888.

LOCAL NEWS.

For dinner and tea sets, go to E. D. Bartholomew & Co's.

WEDDINGS multiply.

FRANK FRAYNE to-night.

A cold wave is expected.

THERE are 116 saloons in Springfield.

The gallery will catch a big crowd at the opera house to-night.

YESTERDAY the Wabash withdrew from the freight rate war because the cut prices do not cover operating expenses.

SPECIAL inducements offered at J. R. Race & Co's on Overcoats.

THE Pension Examining Board met yesterday.

THE Roland Bros. are about ready to open the new barber shop in the basement at the Hotel Brunswick.

BE wise and use the popular White Loaf and Daily Bread flour.

"A MOUNTAIN PINK" at Music Hall to-night.

BE sure and see Mattie Choate in her favorite character of Sincerity Weeks.

THE Mountain Pink, at Music Hall to-night.

DENNIS MURRAY is again on duty as a night policeman, his late difficulty with the appointive power having been adjusted.

"A MOUNTAIN PINK" will be well played and presented by the Choate Co. at Music Hall. Ladies free to-night. 5-11

MANAGER HAYES will have several carpenters at work three days preparing the stage and extra properties for the "Still Alarm" drama. A team of horses will make a run with a city fire engine with steam up.

TAKE our advice and use the celebrated White Foam flour.

FRED ERS defeated Capt. Bogardus in a live pigeon shooting match at Lafayette yesterday. Er killed 63 out of 100, and Bogardus after killing 76 threw up the contest.

THE young people's meeting at the Presbyterian church last night was largely attended, the audience room being crowded. W. T. Evans conducted the meeting, and only young people took part. It was a religious service throughout.

THE finest cheese in the state is on sale at J. Lytle & Co's family grocery store. try it.

MARSHALL MASON is at work on an attempted safe-blowing case, perpetrated at the office of the Niagara Pump Co. The burglars failed to crack the safe. It is said to look like the work of boys.

J. A. WILSON, who lately came here from Clinton, is out of employment and is willing to do any kind of work. He is a man of middle age who would be glad to hear of a job. Leave word at this office.

PARTIES attending court next week will find the Court House Restaurant a convenient and desirable place to board. Everything in first-class shape and prices reasonable. 129 South Water street. W. A. COOK, Proprietor. 5-12

SPECIAL scenery is carried by the Choate Dramatic Co. for the proper presentation of "A Mountain Pink." Go to Music Hall to-night. 5-11

THE presidential year in politics will also be an interesting one in the Methodist church. That denomination will elect five bishops in 1888—one for China, one for India, and three for this country and Great Britain. The Ohio man is on hand for this emergency, as usual. Three candidates for these bishoprics are reported from that state alone.

HEALTH is impossible when the blood is impure, thick, and sluggish or when it is thin and impoverished. Such conditions give rise to boils, pimples, headaches, neuralgia, rheumatism, and other disorders. Ayer's Sarsaparilla purifies, invigorates, and vitalizes the blood.

J. R. RACE & Co. have a fine line of new Plated Plush Shirts—sizes from 17 to 20-inch collar. 5-11

THE Haines Bros. piano is, as it should be, extensively advertised—because the musical public and piano purchasers should know where to find a piano possessing actual merit. Such is the Haines Bros.—classed among the leading standard pianos of the world. The great popularity of the Haines Bros. piano in this and other sections, makes our weak knees feel uncomfortable. C. R. FERRISS.

J. R. RACE & Co. are making big reductions on Overcoats and Heavy Clothing. 5-11

DECATUR Lecture Course. "Bob" Burdette, Friday Evening, Jan. 6. Tickets on sale at Prescott's.

Corps Meeting. There will be a meeting of the W. R. O. on Saturday, Jan. 7, at 2 p. m., at G. A. R. hall. All members are requested to be present, as business of importance will be brought before the Corps.

By order of MRS. H. MARK, Pres. C. R. FERRISS, Sec.

SEE the "Home Comfort" Ranges at Morehouse, Wells & Co's.

THE SPRINGER & LEMMAN Co. sell the old reliable Peter Shuttler and Moline Wagons. 5-11

Newmarkets, Plain, beautiful styles, for ladies and Misses, at Linn & Scruggs. 5-11

THE SPRINGER & LEMMAN Co. sell the old reliable Peter Shuttler and Moline Wagons. 5-11

\$800 Damage.
Mr. Dumbler, the newly-elected janitor for the county buildings, has had a run of bad luck this week, and the Fisk Bros., furniture and queensware merchants, claim to have had their stock damaged to the extent of \$800. The water pipes in the court house building froze up during the cold snap, and when the thaw came the leakage of the water in the jury room over the State street end of the Fisk Bros' storeroom showed that the pipes had burst. The flow started during Tuesday night, and water found its level by seeping through the ceiling, soaking stores, pictures, hardware, cutlery, Japanese lanterns, dolls and other articles of value, going down into the cellar where more stock was damaged. The break in the pipe was repaired yesterday. Had the water been turned off when the cold snap came the damage would have been averted. The Fisk Bros. will ask the county to make good their loss.

A Wedding.
Between 12 and 1 o'clock this afternoon Samuel T. Metcalf and Miss Mildred H. Holmes, both of Buffalo, Ill., were united in marriage in the parlor at the Hotel Brunswick, in the presence of a party of friends who came to the city with the couple. The officiating clergyman was Elder T. F. Richardson, of the Christian church at Niantic. After the ceremony the party partook of a wedding dinner arranged by Mr. Curry, of the hotel, who always makes the Brunswick especially pleasant for couples wishing to be linked for life.

MANAGER HAYES has ordered a proper change in the telephone calls, and "hollo" is abolished. He has instructed the operators to use the phrase "What number?" when a call is made. This is an improvement. It lets the subscriber know he is talking with the exchange, and, on the other hand, it also gets the subscriber into the way of asking for numbers instead of names, which is of great importance to the exchange folks, as it frequently happens that a new operator is on duty, who can readily answer by number, but may not know all of the subscribers by name.

On Monday next delegates from all the cities in the Inter-State base ball league will hold a meeting at Bloomington to elect an association secretary to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Manager Hurley who is coming to Decatur. Charley Shilling and C. P. Housum will probably represent Decatur. The association secretary will receive a salary of \$200 for the season. Decatur should have a candidate.

The Power! The Power!
Sam Ritchie came in from Warrenburg to-day. He reports that the faith-cure meetings in progress there, conducted by Mrs. Maria B. Woodworth, the trance evangelist, are booming with good results, there having been about 25 conversions since the commencement. Seekers are there trying to get relief from bodily ailments by faith, one young man coming from Hannibal, Mo. The other night James Abrams was at the meeting to relate his remarkable cure. He said that every few days he heard reports that he was again down with the old rheumatic trouble of which he was relieved, and that he had to go about on crutches. But the moment he hears of these reports he knows they are false, because he hasn't used a crutch since he got the blessing and is not at all troubled with rheumatism.

THE Illinois Central announces that, beginning to-day, the company will sell 1,000-mile tickets at \$25, with a rebate of \$5 to be paid within a year from the date of the issue of the ticket upon the return of the cover. This action will force all western lines to adopt the same rule, and is a reduction of \$5 in the price of tickets.

THE Alpha Literary Circle will meet Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock with Mrs. T. J. Abel, 323 Mason street.

Frank Frayne to Night.
The king bee sensational actor, Frank I. Frayne, is in the city and will appear to-night at the opera house. The Albany Journal said:

Frank I. Frayne appeared to a packed house at the Museum last night in "Mardi, the Hunter," with performing bears, a treasure hunt, a dance, a Mexican lion and the wonderful performing dog, "Jack," which play no inconsiderable part in the production of the piece. The play is set with elaborate scenery and abounds in startling effects calculated to captivate the heart of the average small boy. The burning of the convict's cell in Siberia, the tragic scene in the Court of St. Petersburg and the royal museum of the Czar take immense popularity.

Popular prices. Look out for striking stage effects.

A few nights ago Fred L. Shoaff, of National City, Cal., was held up and robbed of his gold watch, \$48 in cash and printer's rule, at San Diego, where he had gone to attend an entertainment. He was running through an isolated part of the city to catch his train, when robbers stopped him. Fred is well known in Decatur, where he was born and grew to a youth of 17 before going to Paris, Ill. He is a brother of Mrs. W. F. Coladay.

Geometrical Progression.
SPECIAL NOTICE—All parties who have solicited subscriptions to the progressive fund of the Ladies' Relief Society, and who have not yet reported, are particularly requested to do so on Tuesday, Jan. 10, at 2 p. m., to M. Bell Burrows, at the Woman's Club room, or before that date at No. 271 West North street.

Mrs. L. BURROWS, Pres't.

THE annual meeting of the stockholders of the Terre Haute & Peoria railway company will be held at the company's office in Decatur February 10, for the election of two directors to succeed A. Stevens and E. A. West, whose terms expire.

In the hurry yesterday the REPUBLICAN forgot to mention the receipt of a basket filled with cake, fruits, cream and jelly, from the Lytle-Bellamy wedding, compliments of Mr. and Mrs. Bellamy. Many thanks. All gone.

THERE are no new features in the freight-rate war except that it gives every promise of lasting for a long period. The Wabash on Tuesday made its live stock rate \$10.50 per car, and the Alton came down to \$10, where, it says, it proposes to stay. This is a reduction of \$12.50, and begins to look as if the Alton was really after scalps.

THE "Still Alarm" hangers announce a challenge of \$1,000 to any fire company in the world that will make better time in hitching the team of horses to the engine than is to be made by the horses on the opera house stage when the company appears.

He Won the Prize.
D. E. Baldwin, of 1220 North Morgan street, yardmaster for the Indianapolis, Decatur & Springfield railway, won the triangular prize offered by J. R. Race & Co., the clothing merchants. The offer was a \$10 boy's suit of clothes to the person who would give the first written solution of the puzzle in the least number of words, delivered at the store. The puzzle is simply the formation of a triangle with three matches. Mr. Baldwin got in first with his answer which was in these words, "Pyramid triangle." Numerous similar answers were received but they came in after Baldwin reported and he gets the prize. Quite a number of lengthy communications, covering more than a page of foolscap, were received, to worry the bookkeeper, and others sent in models of match pyramids without a word of explanation.

Decatur Abroad.
There is a chicken show at Jacksonville this week. Decatur is represented by three fanciers. E. D. Bartholomew exhibits his string of premium Plymouth Rocks; H. W. Bartholomew's Light Brahmas are there, and Bert Meriwether will capture premiums with his 12 Wyandottes.

THE AWARDS.
The Jacksonville Journal to-day reports the following awards: On Plymouth Rocks, E. D. Bartholomew, 1st on cock, 1st on hen, 1st and 2d on cockerel, and 1st, 2d and 3d on pullets; four competitors. On Light Brahmas, H. W. Bartholomew, 1st, 2d and 4th on breeding pen; 3d on cock, 1st and 3d on cockerel; 1st, 3d and 4th on hen, and 1st, 3d and 4th on pullet; two competitors. On Wyandottes, Bert Meriwether 1st and 2d on cockerel, and 2d and 4th on pullet; three competitors.

Result of the Conference.
The outcome of the conference of representatives of Mutual Fire Insurance companies held at the Commonwealth office yesterday, was the union of the two St. Louis companies, two Alton companies and the Commonwealth in the matter of employment of traveling solicitors, all business to come to the Decatur office. This action increases the importance and influence of the Commonwealth and makes Decatur the headquarters for mutual fire insurance business for a wide extent of territory, which will be steadily increased by other companies of the northwest that will surely join in the scheme to simplify the work and prevent annoying collisions. The work of Secretary Barnes will be greatly increased by the formation of this syndicate of companies.

A good audience at Stapp's Chapel listened to Rev. Springer last evening as he discoursed from Job 24:13, "They are of those that rebel against the light." He defined the persons who thus rebel, the forms of rebellion, the punishment and the folly of such rebellion. When the invitation was given four persons went to the altar. Thirty persons have thus far made profession of saving faith. Services to-night.

A Change.
Mr. T. S. Carr, late of Prairie Home, Ill., has purchased a half interest in Mr. G. A. Buehler's agricultural implement business, at 241 and 245 East William street. Both gentlemen have been engaged in business together in past years, and are thoroughly familiar with all of best implements, a fine assortment of which they have in stock. It is gratifying to state that the firm is doing a large business in their line. Success to them.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Will Linn started for Boston last night.

D. H. Conklin, of the T. H. & P. road, is in Chicago on railway business.

Bert Meriwether left for Jacksonville this morning to attend the chicken show.

Secretary Barnes of the Commonwealth Mutual Ins. Co., visited Springfield last night.

C. H. Fuller, of the pension department, will return to Dayton, Ohio, to-night.

John Moberly, of the commission firm of Culver & Co., Chicago, is in the city to-day exchanging greetings with local speculators.

D. B. Shellsbarger, A. W. Conklin and W. B. Bowers, accompanied by their wives, departed this afternoon for Jacksonville, Florida.

B. F. Butler, representing a Chicago clothing house, and having an interest in the Butler Mfg. Co. at Chicago, is in the city. Ben is an old Decatur boy, and is doing well.

Decatur Lecture Course.
"Bob" Burdette, Friday Evening, Jan. 6. Tickets on sale at Prescott's.

THE special religious service in progress at the First M. E. church, are growing in interest, with good attendance each evening. At the close of the sermon by Rev. James Miller last night, there was one seeker at the altar.

It's all well to talk about building new railroads and new steamships—but how could men, women and children travel on them without Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup? Think of it. Ponder it. "Neither a borrower nor lender be," but take your own twenty-five cents, and go round to your own druggist, and buy yourself a bottle of Bull's Cough Syrup for your sprains, aches and pains.

It is stated as a fact that it costs twice as much money to arrest a man in Chicago as it does to send a child to a public school one year. The average cost for each arrest in Chicago in 1886 was \$33.76, while the average cost for sending a child to school for the year was \$10.

AYER's Cherry Pectoral is recommended by eminent physicians, on both sides of the Atlantic, as the most reliable remedy for colds, coughs, and all pulmonary disorders. Inquire of your druggist for Ayer's Almanac.

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BUY supplies for the table at Niedermeyer's handy store on the mound.

A cent can buy at Cheap Charlie's as well as any man.

LETTER FROM DR. TROWBRIDGE.

His Impressions of California—Kind Words to Decatur Friends.

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., Dec. 16, 1887.

Mr. J. R. Race:

DEAR SIR—When I left you in October, '86 I promised to give you my impressions of California as soon as I should arrive here, and have made several quite extended excursions to the north, south and east, looking at the country, people, towns, valleys, mountains, mines, produce, fruits, vineyards, orchards of citrus fruits, etc., and feel that I am as fully conversant as I ever will be to give you facts about this wonderful country.

In southern California are many mountains, few valleys of extent and fertility, vast plains of arid sand, covered sparsely with cactus, ground squirrels, prairie dogs and jack-rabbits, no running streams in summer worth calling such save a few of the principal rivers, but they do have land agents, a healthy climate and an active, all-pervading boom. You know the fruits of this state for they are sold in Decatur daily, but the California orange is a sour fraud in comparison to those raised in Florida. Our best are raised 100 miles north of here.

The northern portion of the state for 250 miles north of this city and for about 100 miles south of it by 125 miles east of us abounds in vast fertile valleys that can do for the farmer any farm of production that the richest prairie farm in Illinois ever gave in the best year she ever had.

California has given to the world vast fortunes in gold and silver, and she is still producing these metals; but her greater wealth is what the soil and climate can and are producing. For climate, soil, scenery, water, timber, mountains rich in minerals, I like Lake county better than any place I have seen. It abounds in springs of varied medical qualities, hot, cold and mineral, has an equable and exceedingly healthy climate, with nights that precipitate no dew, and is without doubt one of the best places in the world as a health resort for those afflicted with pectoral affections.

The influx of immigration to California is immense, and while many coming will have formed unhealthy opinions and give expressions of disappointment, the great majority will see the difference between a country temperate, healthy and productive and one like the great valley of the Mississippi where extremes meet almost any month or even week in the year.

San Francisco is destined at a near date to rival New York in population as she does now in imports and exports. Master, take a "Yonkers" ticket and come and see the wonders yourself. I have a soft corner for you while here, and many more beside my family would like to see you. Kind regards to all old friends. Yours truly,

S. T. TROWBRIDGE.

No. 1112 McAllister St.

ALL of the six inch pipe has been taken out of the natural gas well, but it was not done without accident. A section broke and it dropped to the bottom. However, the last length was fished out this morning. Now the operators will lower the pipe down to the bottom past the salt water and proceed with the drilling.

After the Clubs.

The United States grand jury at Springfield is engaged in the investigation of a number of clubs scattered throughout this district engaged in dealing out liquor to their members for social drinking purposes. They are operated on a variety of plans but all are said to be technically acting in violation of the revenue laws. There are two of them in Montgomery county, one in Williamson, and generally they are found in the no-license towns. Indictments are expected against six of them at least.

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Sales of Real Estate.

John W. Priest to Celestia B. Priest, of Helena City, Montana, quit claim to lots 1, 2 and 3, in north half lot 4, in P. Priest's survey of lots 5, 6 and 7, in original town of Decatur, \$1.00.

Harford Toland and others to Thomas T. Roberts, the southeast quarter of 32, 18, Austin township; consideration, \$4,400.

Lella C. Zimmerman to Christopher H. Olson, lot 9, block 25, Carver's addition to Decatur; consideration, \$1,500.

R. H. McCloud, administrator estate of Elizabeth Toland, to Thomas T. Roberts, quit claim to the southeast quarter of 32, 18, 1, Austin township; consideration, \$4,400.

W. T. Doyle to Grant Wheeler, all of the northeast quarter of the northwest quarter of the southeast quarter, of 17, 17, 4, Oakley township; consideration, \$425.

Grant Wheeler to Christopher Misch, the northeast quarter of the northwest quarter of the southeast quarter of 17, 17, 4, Oakley township; consideration, \$75.

A Roaring Comedy.

Monday night we are to have Mr. J. B. Polk at the opera house in his comical creation of Joe Pickle, the merry, practical joker, in the whimsical and satirical comedy, "Mixed Pickles," a play which may rightfully claim to be a perennial favorite. Mr. Polk rattles through his part with rare abandon, spirit, dash and humor, giving, as he goes along, some highly artistic touches, notably that of changing from the harum-scarum Joseph to the sedate Arthur. Mr. Polk has a company of reputation and experience, and Miss Julia A. Polk, the leading lady, sings exquisitely.

EVERY gentleman purchasing a reserve seat ticket to-day can reserve one seat for a lady free—two tickets for one price of admission—at Music Hall to-night. Go and see the Choate company in "A Mountain Pink." 5-11

UNDERWEAR, Caps and Heavy Gloves at greatly reduced prices at J. R. Race & Co's. 5-11

"QUEER'S EVIDENCE" was presented by the Choate dramatic company at Music Hall to a good house, with special scenery, etc. The performance appeared to please the audience.

Chicago Grain Market.

The following were the closing quotations in Chicago at 1 p. m. to-day, received by G. C. Caldwell, Secretary Decatur Grain Co.:

WHEAT—77 1/2 Jan; 78 1/2 Feb; 79 Mar; 84 1/2 May.

CORN—42 1/2 Jan; 49 Feb; 49 1/2 March; 64 1/2 May.

OLDS—31 1/2 Jan; 31 1/2 Feb; 31 1/2 March; 34 1/2 May.

PORE—\$15.20 Feb; \$15.05 Mar; \$15.55 May.

LARD—\$7.67 Feb; \$7.77 Mar; \$7.92 May.

RYE—\$7.52 Feb; \$7.90 March; \$8.10 May.

Live Stock—Estimated receipts—Hogs 27,000; lower.

Cattle, 10,000; lower.

Our Lots—Wheat: Winter, 1; Spring, 50; Corn, 225; Oats, 53.

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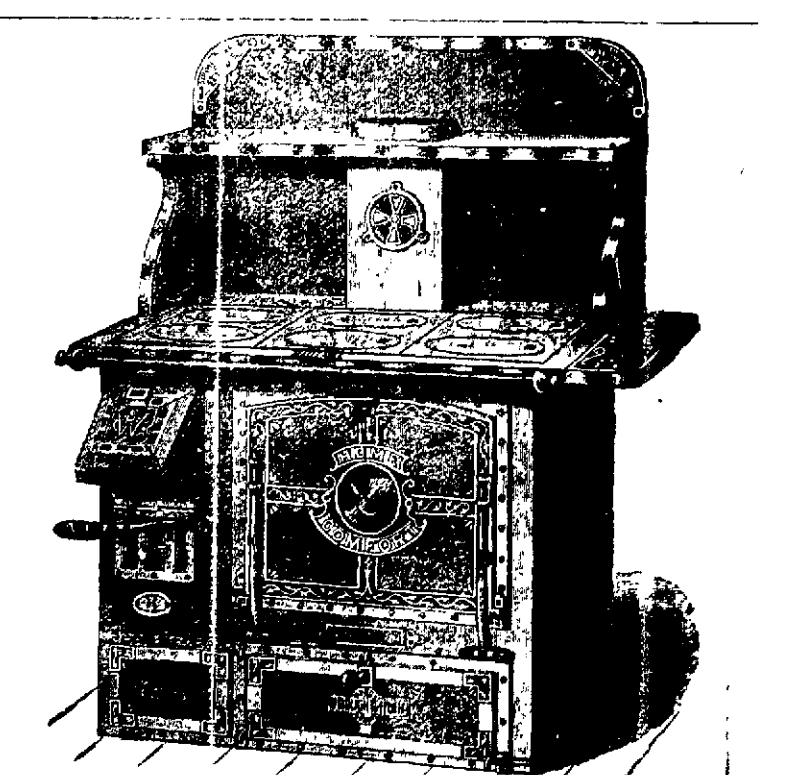
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